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Berger, Roger

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RESUBMISSION OF THE FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Responsive to the request in the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, enclosed herein, is the resubmission of the First Information Disclosure Statement originally filed on June 15, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the cited references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the revised Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this response. Should any fee(s) be required, however, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day deposit account no. 16-1150.

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the enclosed List of References Cited by Applicant listing 71 references in reverse-chronological order for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of these references are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the revised Form PTO-1449.

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action or within three months of the filing date, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Date June 15, 2001

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